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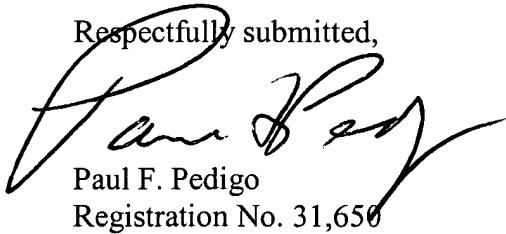
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#### REMARKS

The above amendments are presented to conform the claims to United States practice and to place the application into better form for examination.

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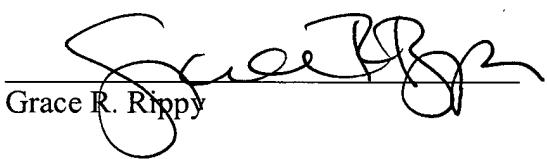
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